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This seems to me an excellent report in nearly all respects. (I'd like very much to have a copy if one can be wheedled out of BuBudget.)

Budget properly notes that Commerce and Agriculture get more effective action from the Foreign Service than do the intelligence agencies, for the reason that R has succeeded (without benefit of law) in establishing itself as a bottleneck for all requests from the intelligence agencies.

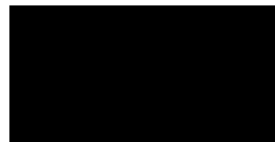
Believe our best approach is 1) to compliment Budget on a tough job well done, 2) to underline Budget's own statements regarding the anomalously weak position in which the intelligence agencies now find themselves, and 3) to make a determined fight for DCI representation in the proposed "Office of Foreign Reports" which is to pass on all requirements.

Section 6 of the proposed Executive Order is by no means adequate.

How can EIA develop a coordinated intelligence program, using "existing facilities" for collection of overt data, if it not only has no direct communication with those existing facilities in the field but cannot even exercise pressure on State to issue its requirements promptly?

Maybe it would be good tactics to point out that Commerce and Agriculture get good results because they have overt collectors in the field, and that CIA has greater needs than they.

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